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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN REQUEST FOR ENRICHED URANIUM AS GIFT.

REF: STATE 173994 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICER REVIEWED STATUS OF GOV REQUEST FOR GIFT OF ENRICHED URANIUM AND PROCEDURES FOR ALLOCATION OF U.S. DONATIONS PROVIDED REFTEL WITH CAPT. JESUS TABORDA OF NATIONAL NUCLEAR COUNCIL (CONAN) ON AUGUST 11. TABORDA EXPLAINED THAT AS A RESULT OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. HELFRICH OF ERDA AND SCIENCE COUNSELOR WILCOX AT INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING IN LIMA LAST MONTH, CONANA HAS ALREADY AMENDED ITS REQUEST TO THE IAEA. AMENDED REQUEST, PER TABORDA'S LETTER OF JULY 27 TO IAEA DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLUND, IS FOR 20 PERCENT ENRICHED URANIUM, SPECIFICALLY 13,500 GRAMS OF URANIUM CONTAINING 2700 GRAMS OF U-235. TABORDA SENT A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO MR. HELFRICH ON JULY 28.

2. TABORDA ALSO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH COPIES OF HIS SUBSEQUENT LETTERS TO VENEZUELAN CHARGE PEINADO BARRIOS IN VIENNA AND TO AMB. NAVA CARILLO, VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.
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THESE LETTERS, WHICH TIE THIS CHANGE TO TABORDA'S CONVERSATIONS WITH ERDA OFFICIALS AND TO VENEZUELA'S SUPPORT FOR NON-PROLIFERATION, INDICATE THAT AS THE RESULT OF THIS ACTION, TABORDA NOW BELIEVES THE WAY IS CLEAR FOR VENEZUELA TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY URANIUM, POSSIBLY AS A GIFT. IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF TABORDA ALSO SEEMED CONFIDENT OF THIS.
THESE LETTERS ALSO STRESS URGENCY OF IVIC'S NEED FOR ADDITIONAL MATER-

IAL, AND ASK THAT PEINADO CONTACT US MISSION TO IAEA AND THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY HERE TAKE UP REQUEST WITH THE EMBASSY. NAVA CARRILLO HAS ALREADY ASKED AMASSADOR FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND, WHICH WE HAVE PROVIDED, AND WE EXPECT TO HEAR MORE FROMHIM ON THIS MATTER.

3.COPIES OF LETTERS PROVIDED US BY TABORDA ARE BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT (OES/NET) AND TO US MISSION IAEA.

4. ACTION REQUESTED.

AS GOV HAS NOW OFFICIALLY ABANDONED ITS EARLIER REQUEST FOR HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM AND HAS COMPLIED WITH US SUGGESTION THAT IT CONTINUE TO USE 20 PERCENT ENRICHED URANIUM, EVEN THOUGH THE LATTER IS MORE EXPENSIVE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT (1) EXPORT OF REQUESTED MATERIAL BE AUTHORIZED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND (2) U.S. AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO PROVIDE AT LEAST SOME OF THIS MATERIAL AS PART OF US ANNUAL GIFT OFFER TO IAEA FOR 1977 IF THIS PROJECT IS AMONG THOSE DECLARED ELIGIBLE BY IAEA.
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